

## CHAPTER NO. 665

## HOUSE BILL NO. 3982

By Representatives McMillan, Borchert

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3864

By Senators Kyle, Cooper, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to records of the department of agriculture.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 10-7-504(a)(9) is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (A) and by adding the following as a new appropriately designated subdivisions:

( ) Any data or records provided to or collected by the department of agriculture pursuant to the implementation and operation of premise identification or animal tracking programs shall be considered confidential and shall not be open for inspection by members of the public. Likewise, all contingency plans prepared concerning the department's response to agriculture-related homeland security events shall be considered confidential and shall not be open for inspection by members of the public. The department may disclose such data or contingency plans to aid the law enforcement process or to protect human or animal health.

( ) Information received by the state that is required by federal law or regulation to be kept confidential shall be exempt from public disclosure and shall not be open for inspection by members of the public.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 27, 2006**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR